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E.O. 11652: AGDS NOVEMBER 13, 1974

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SUBJ: NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AWARD

1. NOBEL COMMITTEE HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPIES OF THE MESSAGES READ ON BEHALF OF CORDELL HULL(1945) AND ALBERT SCHWEITZER (1953) AND BY WILLIE BRANDT (1971) DURING THE AWARD CEREMONY, PLUS A COPY OF BRANDT'S REMARKS AT THE DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY THE NOBEL COMMITTEE. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE DIFFERENT POINTS MADE IN THESE VARIOUS STATEMENTS MAY BE HELPFUL IN PREPARING REMARKS TO BE READ BY THE AMBASSADOR IN THE NAME OF THE SECRETARY AT THE AWARD CEREMONY AND SUBSEQUENT DINNER ON DECEMBER 10.

2. SUMMARY OF POINTS FOUND IN ONE OR MORE OF THE ABOVE-CITED AWARD STATEMENTS.

A. EXPLANATION FOR REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

B. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR RECEIVING AWARD.

C. STATEMENT THAT THE AWARD WILL FURTHER STIMULATE (AND IN CASE OF SCHWEITZER, BE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO) THE RECIPIENT'S WORK.

D. EXPRESSION OF ANTICIPATION REGARDING VISIT TO OSLO TO DELIVER THE NOBEL ADDRESS.

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E. STATEMENT CONCERNING THE SPECIAL PLACE THAT THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE PLAYS IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

F. DISCUSSION OF THE URGENT NEED FOR PEACE TODAY (WITH

SPECIAL EMPHASIS GIVEN BY HULL TO THE PEACE PROMOTION
ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS).

G. COMMENT ON THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE AWARD AND
THE FACT THAT PART OF THE WORLD IS STILL AT WAR (BRANDT).

H. EXPRESSION OF PLEASURE THAT GERMANY'S NAME SHOULD
AGAIN BE ASSOCIATED IN EYES OF THE WORLD WITH PEACE
RATHER THAN WAR. (BRANDT)

I. BRANDT TWICE QUOTED NOBEL: TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE
IS NOTHING ON EARTH THAT CANNOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD OR
MISUSED, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT WISH TO LEAVE ANYTHING
IN HIS WILL TO A MAN OF ACTION LEST HE STOP WORKING,
BUT RATHER TO A DREAMER (IN CONTEXT OF MUSING WHETHER
NOBEL COMMITTEE HAD SELECTED THE RIGHT MAN).

J. CALLS FOR ALL TO WORK FOR DETENTE, COOPERATION, FORCE
REDUCTIONS, ARMS CONTROL, PARTNERSHIP WITH THOSE FORMERLY
WRONGED, AND MUTUAL PROTECTION AGAINST MUTUAL DESTRUCTION
(BRANDT).

K. NOBEL PRIZE IS NOT ONLY THE HIGHEST BUT ALSO THE MOST
DEMANDING AWARD WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO SOMEONE WITH
POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES. (BRANDT)

3. BRANDT'S DINNER REMARKS WERE ESSENTIALLY PERSONAL, REFERRING
TO THE COMMON WILL FOR PEACE REPRESENTED BY GERMAN COLLEAGUES
PRESENT WITH HIM, TO NORWEGIAN FRIENDS WHO HAVE SINCE DIED
(FOREIGN MINISTER LANGE), WHAT HIS YEARS IN NORWAY TAUGHT
HIM, HIS PRIDE THAT THE NEW GERMANY TAKES FREEDOM AND PEACE
SERIOUSLY, HIS CHANGING ATTITUDES SINCE YOUTH, AND HIS SURPRISE
AT READING THAT NOBEL HAD ADVANCED SOCIAL IDEAS--A VIEW CONTESTED,
BRANDT NOTED, BY A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF NOBEL WHO CLAIMED
HE WAS TOTALLY LACKING IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC TRAITS.

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4. NOBEL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR SCHOU SAID THAT THE DEPARTMENT
SHOULD CONSULT THE ANNUAL PUBLICATION "LE PRIX NOBEL" IN
THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE TEXT OF REMARKS BY
OTHER PRIZE WINNERS.

5. AS A BIT OF ADDITIONAL INCIDENTAL INFORMATION, THE
QUALIFICATIONS CITED BY NOBEL IN HIS WILL FOR THE WINNER
OF THE PEACE PRIZE WERE SIMPLE AND EMBRACING: IT SHOULD GO
TO THE "PERSON WHO SHALL HAVE DONE THE MOST OR THE BEST WORK
FOR FRATERNITY AMONG NATIONS, FOR THE ABOLITION OR REDUCTION
OF STANDING ARMIES AND FOR THE HOLDING AND PROMOTION OF PEACE
CONGRESSES." FIFTEEN U.S. CITIZENS, INCLUDING TWO PRESIDENTS,
HAVE BEEN AMONG THE FIFTY-FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN
AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE SINCE IT WAS FIRST GIVEN IN

1901; THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1906), ELIHU ROOT (1912),
WOODROW WILSON (1919), CHARLES DAWES (1925), FRANK KELLOG
(1929), JANE ADAMS (1931), NICHOLAS BUTLER (1931), EMILY
BALCH (1946), JOHN MOTT (1946), RALPH BUNCHE (1950), GEORGE
MARSHALL (1953), LINUS PAULING (1962), MARTIN LUTHER KING
(1964), NORMAN BORLAUG (1970).

6. UNLESS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN
TO PREPARE ANY DRAFT REMARKS AND ASSUMES THAT IT WILL RECEIVE
TEXTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.
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